

**Amendments to and listing of the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for improving a crystalline titanasilicate catalyst having an MWW structure, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ comprising treating the crystalline titanasilicate catalyst having a MWW structure with a silylating agent.

2. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1, wherein the crystalline titanasilicate catalyst having an MWW structure is a catalyst containing Ti having been incorporated during crystallization.

3. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein the catalyst is a catalyst used for epoxidation reaction of an olefin with hydrogen peroxide~~[[,]]~~ or a catalyst used for hydroxylation reaction of a benzene or a phenol compound with hydrogen peroxide.

4. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein the catalyst is a catalyst used for the epoxidation reaction of propylene with hydrogen peroxide.

5. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein the catalyst is a catalyst used for a reaction utilizing a nitrile compound as a solvent.

6. (New) The method according to claim 2, wherein the catalyst is a catalyst used for epoxidation reaction of an olefin with hydrogen peroxide or a catalyst used for hydroxylation reaction of a benzene or a phenol compound with hydrogen peroxide.

7. (New) The method according to claim 2, wherein the catalyst is a catalyst used for a reaction utilizing a nitrile compound as a solvent.

8. (New) The method according to claim 2, wherein the catalyst is a catalyst used for reaction utilizing a nitrile compound as a solvent.